



**Austin Water  
Tree Disease or Pest Control Variance**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Variances to watering restrictions may be granted in accordance with City Code, Chapter 6-4-30, Water Conservation whereby the Austin Water Utility (AWU) Executive Director may grant a variance from Section 6-4-15 (Water Conservation Stage), 6-4-16 (Drought Response Stage 1), 6-4-17 (Drought Response Stage 2), or Section 6-4-18 (Drought Response Stage 3) only if the applicant establishes that:

Watering in a manner or a time inconsistent with a requirement of this chapter is necessary for treatment of tree diseases or for pest control prescribed by a licensed arborist or pest control professional.

**Please Note:**

- **Compliance with the water use regulations contained in Austin City Code Chapter 6-4, Water Conservation is required until specific approval is granted by the Water Conservation Division of Austin Water.**
- **An application for a variance does not provide reliance that the variance as requested will be approved.**
- **All variances are decided on a case-by-case basis.**

**COMPLIANCE**

Throughout the life of the variance, the Water Service Account Holder is presumed to be responsible for compliance with all the provisions of the Chapter 6-4, Water Conservation.

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**Variance applicants will be provided a Posting Form to be placed in the windshield of the vehicle used for this variance or in a location on the subject property that is accessible and visible to the public. This form must remain in place until the variance is expired.**

**APPLICATION**

Watering in a manner or a time inconsistent with a requirement of this chapter is necessary for treatment of tree diseases or for pest control prescribed by a licensed arborist or pest control professional. A declaration from the applicant or an agent for the applicant stating the purpose of the variance may be requested before approval is given for this variance.

**Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ Watering is necessary for treatment of tree diseases
- ☐ Watering is necessary for pest control
- ☐ Additional watering has been prescribed by a licensed Arborist
- ☐ Additional watering has been prescribed by a Pest Control Professional

Please complete the following:

Requested Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(AWU Use Only)

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Austin Utility Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Appearing on Utility Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Prescribing Additional Watering: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly explain why a variance is being requested:**

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE:**

By signing my name below, I acknowledge that the above information is true and correct and that all attachments are made part of this variance request and any subsequent approvals. I acknowledge that watering is necessary for treatment of tree diseases or for pest control and will be performed by a licensed arborist or pest control professional.

I further understand the watering restrictions imposed by this variance does not exempt the applicant from complying with the provisions of Austin City Code, Chapter 6-4 Water Conservation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon completion, Email, Fax or Mail to:**

AWU Water Conservation,  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, TX 78767

or FAX to (512) 974-3504

or EMAIL to [waterusecompvar@austintexas.gov](mailto:waterusecompvar@austintexas.gov)

**Suspension or Revocation of a Variance - Section 6-4-30 (K)**

A variance following its approval by the director may be immediately suspended or revoked by Austin Water Utility if the director or director's designee determines any of the following: a violation of the terms of the variance occurs at the location during the effective period of the variance, the application submitted to the director upon which the variance approval was based included false, misleading, incomplete, or inaccurate information or attachments, the director declares an emergency recall of variances to control use or preserve supply based on protracted drought, unusual operational event, or other public necessity

**You will be contacted within five (5) business days of receipt of this application.**

**AWU Use Only**

Approved ☐

Initial Site Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Denied ☐

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(AWU staff) (Date)